

Appl. No. 10/028,099
Amdt. dated April 14, 2004
Reply to Office Action of January 14, 2004

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-6 remain pending in the application. Applicants appreciate Examiner's acknowledgment of allowable subject matter in claims 2 and 3.

The Drawing has been amended and includes the reference signs mentioned in the description. It is included in a Separate Letter to the Official Draftsperson.

The Abstract has been replaced. Applicants believe the revised Abstract complies with Examiner's requirements. The Specification has been amended to clarify changes made in the Replacement Drawing (FIG. 4). These amendments are supported by the Specification and contain no new matter.

Claim 1 has been cancelled.

The Claim Objections have been addressed per Examiner's Suggestions. Claim 2 has been amended to incorporate the elements of claim 1 and Examiner's suggestions.

Claim 3 has been amended to incorporate Examiner's suggestions.

Claim 4 has been amended to overcome the §112 rejection. Support for the amendment is found in the Specification (page 7, lines 23-25). The amendment provides the structural-cooperative-relationship of elements.

Claims 5 and 6 have been amended to include the elements of amended claim 2. In that claim 2 is now allowable, Applicants believe that these amendments make claims 5 and 6 allowable as well.

As a result of these amendments, Applicants respectfully assert that rejections raised in the Office Action are moot.

Conclusion

In light of the amendments and arguments presented, Applicants believe they have addressed the Examiner's concerns. Therefore, the claims are

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allowable. Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Please charge any fees other than the issue fee and credit any overpayments to Deposit Account 14-1270.

Respectfully submitted,

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